



## **MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD**

**April 26, 2006**

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The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met for its second meeting on April 26, 2006, in the Small Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center.

The following individuals were present for the meeting:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Roger King
- Larry Kelly
- Royce Gaines
- Larry Oldham
- John Altenburger
- Bob Brown
- David Smitherman

After being called to order by Chairman Andrews, the following business transacted:

Chairman Donald Andrews asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the minutes. John Altenburger asked that two items be added to minutes; volunteer stations should not lose autonomy; to create opportunities for volunteer fire departments that are otherwise unavailable. Commissioner Bob Brown moved to accept the suggested changes to the minutes from the April 12, 2006 meeting (Unanimous). Board member Larry Oldham moved to approve the minutes as amended. Minutes were then approved unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Minter provided an explanation on projected fund balance by department. It was explained that the County only budgets current year revenue and any money left over after budget is met is accumulated for each department (separate) with interest. Money accumulated is factored into the next year's tax levy. Mrs. Minter explained the County does not make money on fire department accounts.

Commissioner Bob Brown suggested meeting with Fire Chief's individually to review their budget request. It was agreed and decided that each Fire Chief would get fifteen (15) minutes to meet with the Board and discuss their requested budget. This

meeting will take place on May 10, 2006. Deep River Fire Chief, Larry Kelly requested a copy of budget line item explanations.

Mr. Altenburger asked County Manager David Smitherman to explain the pro's and con's of a flat tax rate county-wide. After considerable discussion the Board decided that it would not be prudent to change the tax district structure at this time and should be re-visited after the adoption of the FY 06-07 Fire District Budgets. Accordingly, Larry Kelly made a motion to table a recommendation regarding this matter to allow for further study during the 2006-07 fiscal year and to continue to use the present revenue system at this time (Unanimous).

The following items were requested to be furnished for the next meeting:

- Memo to Board of Commissioners regarding county-wide tax rate motion
- Line item explanation sheet
- Cameron Budget request

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

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Donald Andrews, Jr. Chairman  
Lee County Fire Advisory Board

ATTEST:

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David Smitherman, Secretary